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Mr. Roger D. Capps
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Chief Executive Officer
Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Capps:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc., concerning the 2007 Farm Bill. We appreciate your sharing your insights and recommendations with us on this important legislation.

Farm Bill issues are and will continue to be a major focus of the Department of Agriculture, and it is good to have the benefit of your perspectives. I assure you that the ideas you have expressed will be given full consideration as the Department develops its proposals for the bill.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Johanns", written in a cursive style.

Mike Johanns
Secretary